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SUBJ: CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM

1. EMBASSY HIGHLY RECOMMENDS DR. AIDAN CLARKE, PROFESSOR OF MODERN HISTORY, TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, FOR FY 74 PROGRAM. DR. CLARKE HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT HE CAN REARRANGE HIS SCHEDULE TO BE ABSENT FOR PERIOD MARCH 5 - APRIL 5.

2. WE REGRET GIVING CU SUCH SHORT ADVANCE NOTICE BUT HOPE THAT PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED NEVERTHELESS. WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE A CANDIDATE FROM TRINITY OF DR. CLARKE'S STATURE. MONTH OF MARCH AND EARLY APRIL ONLY TIME THAT CLARKE AVAILABLE DUE TO HEAVY AND IMPORTANT COMMITMENT FOR REMAINDER OF CALENDAR YEAR.

3. CLARKE INTERESTED IN NEW ENGLAND AREA AND IN FIELD OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH. HIS MAIN INTEREST CONCERNS "SETTLEMENT FROM ULSTER IN NEW ENGLAND IN 17TH CENTURY." HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT EXTENSIVELY WITH RESEARCH DEPARTMENT STAFF AT HARVARD WITH VISITS TO HISTORY DEPARTS AT YALE, BROWN, DARTMOUTH, UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST, SMITH, FITCHBURG, AND ONE OR TWO UNIVERSITIES IN MAINE AS WELL. CLARKE IS ACQUAINTED WITH HISTORIANS LARRY ARNOLD AT FITCHBURG AND JOE HERNON AT UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

4. DR. CLARKE IS YOUNG, DYNAMIC AND SERIOUS. HE COULD BE COUNTED ON TO MAKE OPTIMUM USE OF HIS TIME EVEN IF ONLY GIVEN MINIMUM

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ATTENTION.

5. WOULD DEPARTMENT PLEASE CABLE IF CLARKE CANDIDACY AND MARCH
DATES ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE? FULL BIODATA FOLLOWS. MOORE

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